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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the prior art listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed, which prior art was cited in the International Search Report.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,802,163, entitled INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE MUFFLERS, By Riojas, patented April 9, 1974. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US/2004/0065504 A1, entitled ABSORPTIVE/REACTIVE MUFFLER FOR VARIABLE SPEED COMPRESORS, By Mark A. Daniels, published April 8, 2004. The abstract is attached hereto.


- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,371,054, entitled FLOW DUCT SOUND ATTENUATOR, By Leslie S. Wirt, patented February 1, 1983. The abstract is attached hereto.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,212,948, entitled TRAP APPARATUS WITH BYPASS, By Gary R. Gillingham, et al., patented May 25, 1993.
- (5) CA 1 155 400 A, entitled MUFFLER, By George H. Williams, patented October 18, 1983.
- (6) DE 42 13 822 A, Gyopar KFT, Budapest, HU, October 28, 1993. The abstract is attached hereto.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in the international search report issued on November 24, 2004.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

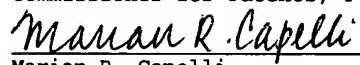
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